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The Honorable Douglas J. Bennet
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Dear Doug:

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This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of February 28 in partial response to my request of February 2 for additional information relative to this Committee's inquiry into the death of Representative Leo J. Ryan.

With respect to the Department's constraints under the Privacy Act relating to information on Tim Stoen, I am aware the Privacy Act does not authorize the disclosure of a record to Members of Congress acting in their individual capacities without the consent of the individual. However, I am sure you are aware that under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(9), the Act does permit such disclosure to any Committee of Congress to the extent to which such information is within the jurisdiction of such Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs is presently investigating all the internationally-related aspects of the Jonestown incident and all events and factors that might have a bearing on this tragic incident. Accordingly, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I respectfully request the information in question and regard such information as important to the Committee's inquiry on this subject.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

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